Hyderabad Metro Rail Project

1159. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hyderabad Metro Rail is now facing an uncertain future;

(b) whether elevated metro rail project for twin cities is doomed, with the Maytas led consortium, the selected developers facing a bleak future following the Satyam Computer Services scandal;

(c) if so, whether Government considers to review the consortium's capability to take up the project under the private partnership mode; and

(d) if so, whether Government has considered a new proposal and by what time Government is likely to start Hyderabad Metro Rail Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) State Government has reported that the financial closure for the Hyderabad Metro Rail project is due on March 17, 2009. Nothing can be said about the future of the Project till then.

(b) to (d) Government of Andhra Pradesh is of the view that it is premature to come to any conclusion or to take any action at this stage. State Government is cautiously observing the developments.

Metro rail at Hyderabad

1160. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maytas has paid some money to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in connection with the construction of Metro Rail Project in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other payment schedule details of Maytas to the State Government; and

(d) how his Ministry is planning to go ahead in the project and the impact of fraud that took place in Satyam or Maytas and its execution of the Metro Rail Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The State Government has reported that the selected consortium of which M/s. Maytas Infra Ltd. is a member, paid the due amount to Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) As per their bid offer, the selected consortium paid Rs. 11 crore to Government of Andhra Pradesh on September 19, 2008 while signing the Agreement.

(c) The remaining payment schedule is as under:—

— Rs. 50 crore on or before the Appointed Date (the due date for Financial Closure is March 17, 2009);

— Rs. 200 crore in the 4th anniversary of the Appointed Date;

— Rs. 100 crore each on the 7th, 8th and 9th anniversary respectively of the Appointed Date;

— Rs. 1,750 crore on each and every anniversary of the Appointed Date commencing from the 18th anniversary thereof and continuing till the 34th anniversary of the Appointed Date.

(d) Financial Closure is due on March 17, 2009. Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that it will take a view after that date, depending upon the outcome with reference to the Financial Closure.

Performance in sports

†1161. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with India's performance in sports events like Olympics;

(b) if so, details alongwith the reasons for India not winning even 62 medals in 62 years after Independence;

(c) whether Government is considering formulation of any scheme at rural and urban level to improve the plight of sports in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons and the comprehensive scheme being prepared by Government to improve the standard of sports in the country; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government to introduce physical education in schools at primary level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) and (b) India's performance in international sports events is showing improvement. India won one gold and two silver medals at Beijing Olympics 2008.

India's performance at other international sports events has also shown improvement. India stood first in the medal tally at the 3rd Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 held at Pune with 76 Medals (33 Gold + 26 Silver + 17 Bronze). India's position in the medals tally at Commonwealth Games, 2006 held at Melbourne was fourth, wherein India won 50 medals (22 Gold + 17 Silver + 11 Bronze). India secured 7th position at Asian Games 2006 at Doha by winning 51 medals (9 Gold + 18 Silver + 24 Bronze).

(c) to (e) With the objective of development and promotion of sports in rural areas, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has recently introduced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme

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